

CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

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Did you know?

- New Hanover County has the most bicycle accidents of all NC counties, and is among the top ranked for pedestrian accidents (2012), according to NC DOT.
- According to AAA Carolinas, New Hanover County is ranked #2 of all NC counties where motorists are the most likely to be involved in a crash and #3 as most likely to be injured in a crash.

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Major city streets to be paved

Next month, the city will begin work to repave 4.5 lane miles on Racine Drive, Covil Avenue and Darlington Avenue as part of the city's 5-year infrastructure improvement plan. Racine Drive and Covil Avenue represent two of the most used roadways in the city. The \$2.5 million project will also include repairs to stormwater infrastructure in the area to help improve drainage.

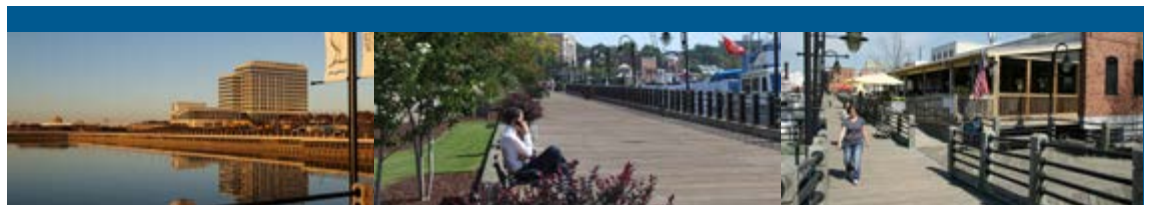
This is the third major street repaving project included in a 5-year plan to make \$41 million worth of infrastructure improvements approved by City Council in 2012. So far, the city has completed 31 lane miles of street repaving and repairs, including streets such as Park Avenue, 52nd Street and Rose Avenue. The city currently has plans in place to complete another 60 lane miles of street repaving and repairs and expects to pave up to 100 lane miles of streets by the summer of 2017.



 wilmingtonnc.gov/5yearplan

2014 Transportation Bond

There is a \$44 million transportation bond on the Nov. 4 ballot. What, why and how much? Learn more inside.



NORTH WATERFRONT PARK

There's still time for citizens to provide their thoughts about what should be included in the new northern downtown riverfront park. The city purchased the 6.6-acre tract last year to be a passive park, which is typically less developed than an active park, has more open space and could include features such as walking trails, seating areas and gardens. There are two ways to give input:

- 1) Join the ongoing discussion and share your photos and ideas at connectwilmington.org
- 2) Visit www.wilmingtonnc.gov/waterfrontparksurvey

WPD training and community outreach

Police Officer Training

Each year, Wilmington police officers go through many hours of training to help keep up-to-date about how to handle different types of situations.

In 2013, WPD officers received 32 hours of training, including mandatory state training, that covered topics such as domestic violence, drug diversion and mental illness.

In addition, officers received Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training as well as Critical Incident Training. This spring, officers received additional specialized training on several other topics, including crisis intervention and high risk traffic stops.

Beginning in January, 2015, the WPD will conduct an additional 16 hours of training that will cover several areas and will partner with the US Department of Justice to offer a half-day session on community policing and effective communications.



New initiatives

In 2013, the WPD formed a Community Review Team made up of community leaders who review critical incidents that have occurred locally and give insight and recommendations.

The department is currently recruiting community members to join a new Community Response Team who will work with the WPD in neighborhoods after a critical incident.

The department is also partnering with the US Department of Justice, UNCW and other key agencies on a public awareness campaign that will highlight ways for community members to positively interact with law enforcement and provide information on citizen rights.

For more information, contact the WPD's Community Relations Office at 910-341-4608.



 wilmingtonnc.gov/police



Stormwater drainage improvements

Several major stormwater projects are underway that will address drainage problems in key areas:

S. Bradley Creek/Michelle Drive area

Work has begun on a stormwater drainage improvement project in the South Bradley Creek/Michelle Drive area. The \$4.9 million project involves replacing major stormwater drainage systems and stream restoration for part of the south branch of Bradley Creek. The improvements will help with flooding that occurs in the area during heavy rains.

The project will be done in three phases and is expected to take about a year to complete. Visit www.wilmingtonnc.gov/southbradley for project updates.

Waltmoor Drive, Cross-City Trail

Work continues on construction of the Cross-City Trail between Wade Park and John D. Barry Drive. Drainage work planned as part of another project has been added to this project to be more efficient and minimize traffic impacts. This month, a portion of Waltmoor Drive will be closed while a drainage pipe is installed beneath the road and then this section of trail will be completed in early 2015.



Pond at Inland Greens

Inland Greens

Phase 1 of the Inland Greens project is expected to begin in early December. This \$1.2 million project consists of improving the existing drainage system with new piping, as well as additional drainage for nearby Wiregrass Road. These improvements will help control flooding that occurs during heavy rains. Phase I, which is expected to be completed next summer, also includes installation of a walking path in the passive park.

Phase II of the project will include renovation of nine holes of the par-3 golf course, as well as landscaping, a parking lot, building upgrades, a playground and other site amenities. This \$700,000 project is expected to begin shortly after the completion of Phase I.

The entire \$1.9 million project is expected to be complete next year.

Construction of Cinema Drive fire station begins

Construction has begun on the new Station 3, located at 114 Cinema Drive.

This 14,500-square-foot station will replace the current Station 3 located at 3933 Princess Place Drive and Station 4 located at 310 Wallace Ave. The property is strategically located to allow this new station, along with remaining existing stations, to provide the citizens of Wilmington with the same level of service currently provided while also updating aging facilities in stations that can accommodate today's larger fire trucks.

The \$3.4 million station will have four bays, whereas most existing stations only have two or three, and will also include a community room for meetings and training. Construction is expected to be completed next fall.



Rendering of new Fire Station 3
Fire station construction on Cinema Drive

Muni golf course open for business

The grass has grown in, the renovations are complete and the city's municipal golf course, known as "the Muni" by locals, is now officially open for business.

The \$1.5 million project began in April and included:

- Doubling the size of the greens;
- Restoring approaches/bunkers to the original Donald Ross specifications;
- Renovation of the practice putting green;
- New irrigation;
- Drainage improvements;
- New bunkers and cart paths.



This was the first total restoration of the Donald Ross-designed course since it was fully completed in 1929. On average, about 60,000 rounds of golf are played on the course each year. The course is self-sustaining through user fees.

What's going on in your neighborhood?

The City has launched an official presence on the neighborhood social networking site "Nextdoor."

On Nextdoor, neighbors create unique, private social media sites for their neighborhoods where they can ask questions, get to know one another and exchange local advice and recommendations.

The city will use Nextdoor as another tool to share and communicate important news and updates, including emergency notifications, relevant to specific neighborhoods.

In Wilmington, more than 20 neighborhoods are already active on Nextdoor. To become active, Nextdoor requires that at least 10 residents in the neighborhood sign up.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, they can visit help.nextdoor.com.



City's growing trash, recycling program

Over the last few years, the city's Solid Waste Division has taken steps to reduce costs and increase efficiency, including making pick-up routes more efficient, altering recycling collection schedules from weekly to every other week and installing Global Positioning Systems (GPS) on solid waste vehicles.

You can help too! Please choose to recycle if you don't already do so. Or, see if you can recycle more and fill up your Big Blue cart. Recycling service is included in your trash rate at no additional charge. If you recycle more and all your trash now fits in the smaller 35-gallon trash cart, you can save \$4.93 a month and get all of these services at no additional charge:

- Weekly trash collection (trash that doesn't fit in the cart requires an extra orange sticker)
- Bi-weekly recycling collection
- Weekly yard waste collection
- Bulky item collection by appointment

If you would like to begin recycling, call the Solid Waste office at 341-7875 and request the 'Big Blue' cart.

These services are not only convenient to customers, but also allow the city to reduce the amount of material sent to the New Hanover landfill. Recycling saves money because it costs the city \$55 per ton to put trash in the county landfill, but only \$20 per ton to recycle it.

 wilmingtonnc.gov/recycling



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City Council meetings are generally held on the
first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
at City Hall. For more information, see the city's
web site at: wilmingtonnc.gov

City Council Meetings on GTV8

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV8,
the city channel on Timewarner Cable. Council
meetings are replayed:

- ~ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, the week of
the Council meeting at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- ~ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, the week after
the Council meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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GTV8's "This Week From City Hall," airing twice
daily at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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